

In addition, the applicant includes a one-month extension of time extending the time for responding to a final rejection to March 16, 2006. Since the amendment submitted hereby is a direct response to the office action of March 9, 2006 the applicant also submits a notice of appeal, which is directed to claims 18, 19, and 22.

VERSION OF AMENDMENTS SHOWING MARKINGS

In the Claims

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

 a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition; and

 a spring having a spring constant that is about equal to the spring constant of the bobber in water or the total force to compress the spring with respect to the bobber main body is approximately equal to the total force to submerge the bobber main body and ~~the a~~ resiliently displaceable member to thereby allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide gradual resistance.

19. (Previously Presented) The two stage fishing bobber of claim 18 wherein the force to displace said member to a down position is substantially equal to the buoyant force of the bobber main body so that when the member is in the down position the bobber main body is submerged.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A two-stage fishing bobber responsive to different fishing forces comprising:

a bobber main body, said bobber main body providing a buoyant force to normally maintain the bobber main body in a floating condition; and

a member resiliently displaceable with respect to said bobber main body in response to a force on said member with the force on said member sufficient to overcome at least some if not all of the buoyant force of the bobber main body to thereby allow the simultaneous submersion of the bobber main body and the displacement of the member with respect to the bobber main body so as to provide gradual resistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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